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**WHEREAS**, **Dell Products L.P.** (hereinafter referred to as "Assignee"), a Texas limited partnership, with an address of One Dell Way, Round Rock, Texas 78682-2244, desires to acquire my entire right, title and interest in and to the invention, and in and to the said application and any Letters Patent that may issue thereon;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, I assign to Assignee, all right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to said application and all patents which may be granted therefor, and all provisionals, divisions, reissues, continuations, continuations-in-part and extensions thereof; and I authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all patents for said invention, or patents resulting therefrom, insofar as my interest is concerned, to Assignee.

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SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
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